



# PUBLIC LIBRARY

## C O N N E C T I O N

A Sunnyvale Library Newsletter Exclusively for Teachers

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## FIRST ISSUE!

Welcome to the first issue of **Public Library Connection**! This biannual publication is designed entirely with you, a teacher in the Sunnyvale community, in mind. As an educator, you draw on many resources everyday to develop coursework which will stimulate and challenge your students. The Sunnyvale Public Library can be a resource for you. Written by library staff, the **Public Library Connection** strives to inform you of all the resources available at the library, how best to take advantage of them, and encourages dialogue between schools and the library. There certainly are benefits for you in utilizing the library's services and resources. Ultimately, however, library staff hope that this publication will assist you in maximizing your use of the Library's resources to enhance the learning and development of the children in your classrooms.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT CARD YOU'LL EVER CARRY

Sunnyvale Library cards are available free to any resident of California who can show proof of current residence. This includes you and your students. If you would like your students to have library cards, we can mail applications (in English and/or Spanish) to you. Parents of students under 13 must fill out and sign the application. We ask you to verify with the school office that the address on the application is correct. If you would like the students to receive their library cards when your class visits the library, the applications must be turned in to the Children's Information Desk a week prior to the visit. Encourage your students to make use of this "magic" card.

## ASSIGNMENT ALERTS

Sending advance e-mail notification of group assignments can help the children's librarians assist your students. Believe it or not, students (and parents) are sometimes not clear about an assignment. You can e-mail the assignment sheet to us at [childlib@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:childlib@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) so we will know exactly what information is required. Also, if we know that 20 third graders will need books on bats, we can suggest that each student check out just one title so there will be enough books for all.

## VISITING THE LIBRARY

A visit to the public library can be eye-opening for students of any age. Young children are often amazed by all those books, or because they find exactly the book they wanted. Older students may not know how to use the library's catalog or to access online databases from home or school. Open your students' eyes by scheduling a class visit to the Sunnyvale Public Library. Call (408) 730-7292 to speak with a children's or teen librarian, who can talk with you about planning a visit to suit your classroom needs. Visits generally include an age-appropriate tour and information about the library, stories or book talks, and suggestions for using library resources. If your class is working on a special report, librarians can include information on relevant materials. We hope to see you soon!

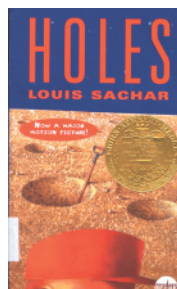
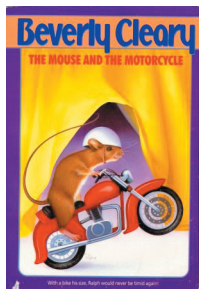


## READ-ALoud SUGGESTIONS

Reading aloud to students provides them with the rich and diverse language of books, as well as with a model for things a confident reader does. It is important to include in your read-alouds a wide variety of topics and themes. What books do students often want to read themselves? The answer is the book the teacher has just read to them in class. Below are some suggested read-alouds, some classics and some new.

### Lower Grades (1st-3rd grades)

Byars	Beans on the Roof
Choi	Halmoni and the Picnic
Cleary	The Mouse and the Motorcycle
Cleary	Ramona the Brave
Dahl	Fantastic Mr. Fox
DiCamillo	The Tale of Despereaux
Dooley	Everybody Cooks Rice
Friedman	How my Parents Learned to Eat
Henkes	Lily's Purple Plastic Purse
McCloskey	One Morning in Maine
Polacco	Thank You, Mr. Falker
Soto	Too Many Tortillas
White	Charlotte's Web



### Upper Grades (4th-6th grades)

Bodett	Williwaw
Byars	The Not Just Anybody Family
Cleary	Dear Mr. Henshaw
Creech	Love That Dog
Eager	Half Magic
Fleischman	The Whipping Boy
Gardiner	Stone Fox
King-Smith	Martin's Mice
MacLachlan	Sarah Plain and Tall
Mowat	Owls in the Family
Perez	Ghost Stalking
Sachar	Holes
Steig	Abel's Island
Yep	Dragonwings

## WANTED: YOUR STUDENTS' ART FOR DISPLAY

Displaying your students' artwork in the Library's Children's Room is a great way to share their talents with an appreciative public. We have both a small display case and areas of wall space available. Please call Betsy Wachter at (408) 730-7294 to arrange a display date.

## GET CAUGHT UP IN OUR WEB SITE!

You and your students are cordially invited to visit Sunnyvale Library's Kids' Pages for sites geared to curriculum and enrichment needs. Sites have been carefully selected to be both useful and attractive to kids, but to avoid advertising and required plug-ins. Suggested Web sites for kids can be found at [www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org). Visit often and stay awhile!

## TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

Your comments/feedback are welcome! Did you enjoy this publication? What would you change? What would you like to see in the next publication? Please communicate your comments to Steve Sloan, Supervisor for Public Relations at the Library at (408) 730-2768 or by e-mail at [ssloan@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:ssloan@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

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Mon – Thurs 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri & Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Telephone numbers	Area Code 408
Arrange a class visit	730-7292
Arrange a student art exhibit	730-7294
Children's Services	730-7292
Comment on this publication	730-2768
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Dial-a-Story (Spanish)	737-4907
Library	730-7300